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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 1700

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Junichi HANNA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1756

Serial No.: 09/679,538

Examiner: Shean Chiu Wu

Filed: October 6, 2000

For: LIQUID CRYSTALLINE COMPOUNDS AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE
SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

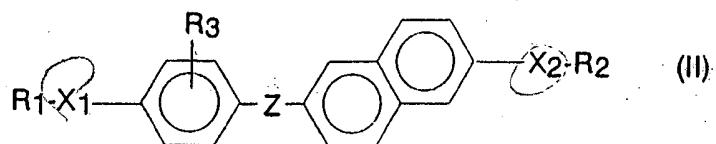
Sir:

In reply to the Final Rejection mailed July 24, 2002, please
undertake the following changes:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 2 as follows:

2. (Twice Amended) A liquid crystalline compound represented
by the following general formula (II):



wherein R₁ and R₂ each independently represent a straight-chain, branched or cyclic, saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon group having 1 to 22 carbon atoms and may be attached directly to the aromatic ring without through X₁ or X₂; R₃ represents a hydrogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, or a methyl group; X₁ represents a sulfur atom, or a -CO-, -OCO-, -COO-, -N=CH-, -CONH-, -NH-, or -CH₂- group; X₂ represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, or a -CO-, -OCO-, -COO-, -N=CH-, -CONH-, -NH-, -NHCO-, or -CH₂- group; and Z represents a -N=N-, -CH=N-, -CH₂S-, or -CH=CH- group.

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